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MOLOTOV'S GENEVA SPEECH

I. Molotov obviously readying major propaganda address--may not and need not be restricted Indochina.

A. In absence text, we expect speech centered on "reasonableness" Soviet position aimed reducing general international tension (Indochina, Korea, Also Western Europe and whole world).

B. Speech may be directed public opinion in Western countries (particularly France, to bring about fall of government).

II. Regarding Indochina, Molotov may:

A. Castigate French government for serving US diplomats rather than French people, stressing Bidault's intransigence.

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B. Also attack government for failure
take seriously USSR's NATO bid, hint
that more favorable reaction could have
effected Indochina solution.

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